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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
10E-046

SUBJECT: RANGE/OVEN COMBO/GAS SUPPLY LINE/POSSIBLE FIRE

DEAR MS. ORLOWSKI:

This letter serves to acknowledge Atwood Mobile Products' (Atwood) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the equipment listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

ATWOOD/RA2135/9999
ATWOOD/RV1735/9999
ATWOOD/RV2135/9999

Mfg's Report Date: September 27, 2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10E-046

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10,480

Summary:

ATWOOD IS RECALLING CERTAIN RANGE/OVEN COMBO COOKING RANGES, MODELS THAT BEGIN WITH RV1735, RV2135, AND RA2135 MANUFACTURED FROM JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2010, INSTALLED AS ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT IN VARIOUS RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND SOLD AS AFTERMARKET EQUIPMENT. THE GAS SUPPLY LINE TO THE OVEN BOX MAY BE FRACTURED. GAS CAN LEAK THROUGH THE WALL OF THE FRACTURED GAS LINE LEADING TO A POTENTIAL BUILD UP OF GAS IN THE RV.

Consequence:

IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE, THIS LEAK MAY LEAD TO A FIRE OR EXPLOSION. THIS CONDITION MAY ALSO POSE A RISK OF ASPHYXIATION.

Remedy:

ATWOOD IS WORKING WITH THE RV MANUFACTURERS TO IDENTIFY OWNERS. THE UNITS WILL BE INSPECTED AND THOSE THAT ARE FOUND TO BE DEFECTIVE WILL BE REPAIRED FREE OF CHARGE. ATWOOD WILL NOTIFY OWNERS OF RECORD THAT PURCHASED THE AFFECTED UNITS AS AFTERMARKET EQUIPMENT. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 22, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ATWOOD AT 1-574-266-4749.

Notes:

OWNERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Timian", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jennifer Timian
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

cc: Chris Grigorian
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